

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 2 March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, C Butterfield, A Jackson (Mayor), C Osborne, M Runchman, M Scott, D Sharman, P Sharman, R Smith and S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs J Ali, M Pettitt, K Sharp and CBC Cllr N Sheppard

In attendance: CBC Cllr C Maudlin, 10 members of the public and Carol Baker-Smith as Clerk

1 Apologies for Absence (132-2014/15)

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ali, Pettitt and Sheppard

2 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations (133-2014/15)

- i) *Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - None*
- ii) *Non Disclosable Interests - None*
- iii) *Dispensations - None*

3 Public Participation Session (134-2014/15)

A member of the Sandy & District Allotment & Leisure Gardener's Association asked if any progress had been made regarding the proposed new allotment site. They produced questions and Cllr Maudlin said she would chase Central Bedfordshire Council. Cllr Aldis suggested the association wrote to Mr Richard Carr, CEO and Deb Broadbent-Clark the Director of Assets for Central Bedfordshire Council.

A member of the public asked what items were being allowed in the revised Cemetery Regulations and the question of guards on strimmers. The Mayor said the question would be discussed in Item 8.

A member of the public asked various questions concerning the Cemetery Regulations, budgets and a Freedom of Information request. The Mayor said the request would be dealt with.

A member of the public via email asked why 3 quotes had not been asked for and the names given for contractors regarding the re-

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surfacing of the paths in the cemetery. Cllr Osborne said this could be discussed in Item 9.

4 **Minutes of previous Town Council Meeting (135-2014/15)**

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RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the meetings of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 26 January and 9 February 2015 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings

5 **Police Matters (136-2014/15)**

PCSO Ann Jeeves spoke to a report on reported crime in Sandy which had been circulated at the meeting. The report was received and noted.

Cllrs Aldis and Sutton asked questions concerning mobile phone use in cars. PCSO Jeeves said she would take advice and report back to Council.

A member of the public asked if there were other Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators in Sandy. PCSO Jeeves advised that there were and to call 101 and report cold callers.

A member of the public asked about the definition of "theft" regarding items being removed from the cemetery and PCSO Jeeves took the member of the public outside the meeting to discuss this question.

6 **Minutes of committees and recommendations therein (137-2014/15)**

To receive and note the minutes of the meetings of the following committees and sub-committees (previously circulated) and (if applicable) to approve recommendations therein which do not arise elsewhere

- i) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of meetings of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on 26 January 2015 and 16 February 2015
- ii) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of a meeting of the Community Services & Environment Committee held on 26 January 2015 and to consider the recommendation contained therein under item 8 on the agenda
- iii) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee held on 16 February 2015 and to approve the recommendation contained therein at item 8 as shown below:
RESOLVED to approve the Scale of Charges for 2015/16 as set out in the Minutes
- iv) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of a meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 13 February 2015 and as amended at the meeting held on 24 February

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7 Financial Matters (138-2014/15)

- i) **RESOLVED** to note a summary statement of income and expenditure against budget for the year to date (previously circulated).
- ii) **RESOLVED** to note a list of payments made in December 2014 (previously circulated)
- iii) **RESOLVED** to approve repairs to the John Deere Mower to be taken from Reserves

8 Cemetery Burial Regulations (139-2014/15)

The recommended cemetery burial regulations were received. Cllr Aldis explained the revised regulations which include that memorabilia is securely attached to the memorial plinth or within 30 centimetres of the temporary grave marker. Breakable items like pottery and glass are not allowed but plastic items will be permitted. A single white solar light will be allowed but it must be firmly affixed. After a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the revisions.

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9 Re-surfacing of Cemetery Paths (140-2014/15)

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from LSL Surfacing. Costs to be taken from Cemetery extension funding. It was noted and accepted that although a number of companies were invited to quote only two quotations were received.

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10 CBC Air Quality Management Area in Sandy (141-2014/15)

The report from Central Bedfordshire Council on the proposed Air Quality Management Area in Sandy was received and welcomed and it was **RESOLVED** to strongly disagree that the boundary should only be 20 metres wider both north and south of Sandy. Councillor Scott offered to raise this at the SG19 group meeting the following day.

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11 CBC Landscape Character Assessment (142-2014/15)

RESOLVED to note the report.

12 Bedfordshire Police Consultation (143-2014/15)

RESOLVED to note the letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire.

13 Reports from Representatives (144-2014/15)

- i) CBC Ward members – Cllr Aldis reported on the Development Strategy Judicial Review - £2m. He also reported that the 73 bus route proposals had been published and the traffic commissioners were to research where the bus was to turn. Several ideas had been suggested and were being looked into. He would be attending a meeting with the Standards Board regarding complaints against councillors.

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Cllr Maudlin advised of a Code of Conduct meeting to be held On the 19 March by Central Bedfordshire Council. She also advised of nominations required for the Cheering and Volunteering Awards taking place in June 2015. Her Church Service at Northill Church was on Sunday 8 March at 3pm and Everyone was welcome to attend.

- ii) STC Representatives on external bodies – there were no reports.

14 H R Matters (145-2014/15)*

Resolved: that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business. See confidential notes.

15 Office Alterations (146-2014/15)*

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As the meeting was coming up to 10pm it was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders for 10 minutes to allow for the meeting to continue.

16 News Release

RESOLVED to issue a news release regarding the revised Cemetery Regulations

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